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Subject: Intelligence Terminology

- Enclosure A. List of Intelligence Terms Requiring Definition  
B. List of Intelligence Terms Defined in the Proposed  
Joint Dictionary of Military Terms for Army-Navy  
Use (JCS)

1. In its interdepartmental relations as well as in internal procedures the Central Intelligence Group has encountered numerous instances of uncertainty in the use of various intelligence terms. On several occasions differences in usage have caused misunderstandings which have adversely affected negotiations with the IAB agencies.

2. For some time CIG has been engaged in assembling those terms which appear to require clarification, but before arriving at a determination of their definitions it is desired, insofar as possible, to incorporate the agencies' individual interpretations. It is therefore requested that each agency submit its definitions of the terms in which they have an interest appearing in Enclosure A, together with any additional ones considered to be in loose usage.

3. It is considered that the development of these definitions should be in the comprehensive manner of professional dictionaries to become really useful to the Government. It is therefore suggested that in arriving at the definitions, dictionaries, encyclopedias and the professional manuals of the State, War and Navy Departments be consulted and followed insofar as practical. Definitions should be so worded as to be useful in as broad a field in the Government as possible.

4. Upon receipt of these definitions it is proposed to arrive at mutually acceptable definitions which then will be published as the standard for adoption by all Government intelligence agencies.

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5. Enclosure B contains a list of intelligence terms or military terms used in intelligence which are defined in the proposed Joint Dictionary of Military Terms for Army-Navy use (JCS). Certain recommendations were made to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for desirable revisions of some of these terms, and therefore further definitions are not desired.

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INTELLIGENCE WORDS AND PHRASES LOOSELY  
USED AND NOT UNIFORMLY UNDERSTOOD

active intelligence	field intelligence
agent	field office
analysis	functional intelligence
assemble	geographic intelligence
brief	grading
clandestine	informant
collation	information
collection	informers
coordination	intelligence agency
correlation	intelligence brief
counter-sabotage	intelligence fields
cover	intelligence information
covert	intelligence research
current essentials of national intelligence	intelligence service
departmental intelligence	intelligence target
dissemination	interpretation
distribution	monograph
document	national intelligence
double agent	national intelligence requirements
espionage	national policy intelligence
estimate (n)	origin
evaluation	overt
exploitation	passive intelligence

ENCLOSURE A.

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political economic intelligence (Polsec)	semi-covert
positive intelligence	semi-overt
primary interest intelligence	static intelligence
propaganda-black	strategic intelligence
propaganda-white	strategic intelligence digest
raw information	source
reading center	subversive
reading panel	synthesis
regional branch	tactical intelligence
reporting manual	unwitting informant
research	vet
scientific intelligence	witting informant

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ENCLOSURE B.

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LIST OF INTELLIGENCE TERMS DEFINED IN THE PROPOSED JOINT  
DICTIONARY OF MILITARY TERMS FOR ARMY-NAVY USE (JCS)

capabilities, enemy	intelligence, communications
censorship, civil	intelligence, escape and evasion
censorship, military	intelligence, estimate
cipher	intelligence, flak
classification	intelligence, joint
classified matter	intelligence, net
code book	intelligence, operational
communication security	intelligence, photographic
compromise	intelligence, photography
counter-espionage	intelligence, plan
counter-intelligence	intelligence, radio
cryptanalysis	intelligence, technical
cryptoboard	interrogate
Cryptanalyst	intelligence, terrain
cryptosecurity	plan, intelligence
declassify	production loss appraisal
downgrade	propaganda
economic potential	psychological warfare
flak analysis	public information
information, essential elements of	public relations
information, evaluation of	radio intercept
information interpretation of	reconnaissance
information, military	reconnaissance, photographic
intelligence	security
intelligence, air	security, internal
intelligence, basic	security, physical
intelligence, combat	security, transmission
station, intercept	

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